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MBA Debate Dominates the Nation

By William Peng
Staff Writer

After a busy first quarter, the MBA debaters have made impressive achievements to start off the season. In both the varsity and novice divisions, MBA debate has been racking up serious victories and perhaps even making debate history.

Kicking off the season was the Greenhill Round Robin and the Greenhill Invitational. The Greenhill Round Robin is the most prestigious round-robin style tournament of the first semester, and MBA had two teams out of a field of fourteen invited to compete. The duos of Raleigh Maxwell ('24) and Cy Turner ('24) and Lenox Leverett ('24) and Kavneer Majhail ('25) competed for MBA. Once the dust cleared, the team of Maxwell and Turner garnered ten of the twelve ballots, while Leverett and Majhail received six ballots. Maxwell and Turner's near-perfect record got them a spot in the finals, where they faced a tough team from Westwood High School and lost on a very close decision. Turner and Maxwell both won speaker awards, with Turner claiming the first speaker and Raleigh the fourth.

In the invitational itself, Maxwell and Turner went undefeated in the preliminary rounds and reached the semifinals, where they were defeated by their biggest competitors, a team from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in Los Angeles, California. Lenox and Kavneer lost one round in the preliminaries and reached the quarterfinals. Sanjith Geevarghese ('24) and Russell Howard ('26) lost one preliminary round and made it to the octafinals. While the team didn't take home any champion trophies from the Greenhill tournaments, they were determined to rack up some more wins at future tournaments.



Varsity debaters pose with their hardware from the Heart of Texas Invitational and the Marist Ivy Street Invitational.
PHOTO: Mr. Clark

The next tournament on the list was the Marist Ivy Street Invitational. The team of William Peng ('25) and Arish Singhvi ('25) went 5-1 in the preliminary rounds and won the tournament on a unanimous decision against a team from Taiwan. William and Singhvi's amazing performance awarded them a bid to the Tournament of Champions, the debate equivalent of the NFL Playoffs.

In the novice division at Marist, MBA novices competed in their first tournament and performed remarkably well. Each team finished the tournament with a winning record, a difficult feat for a debater's first tournament. The team of William Guo ('28) and Jackson Baker ('27) were crowned co-champions of the tournament after defeating a team from the Pince Crest School in Florida. Artem Raievskyi ('25) and Dylan Ditcharo ('26) finished with a

3-2 record.

After Marist came the Trevian Invitational. The teams of Maxwell and Turner along with Res Seibels ('26) and Oliver Johnston ('26) battled against a tough field. Maxwell and Turner went 6-0 in the prelims, beating many tough teams along the way, while Johnston and Seibels won four of six debates. Maxwell and Turner, having won 5th and 3rd speakers out of 128 competitors, were the number one seed of the tournament. In the Round of 16, Maxwell and Turner, unfortunately, lost on a close 2-1 against the Greenhill School from Texas, while Oliver and Res also lost on a 2-1 decision against the second seed in the tournament. The team was exhausted and frustrated with the losses, but they were determined to win the next tournament, the Heart of Texas Invitational hosted by the St. Mark's

A Postseason to Remember for MBA Golf

By Edwards Settle
Sports Editor

On Monday, October 2, the only thing standing between MBA sophomore, Michael "Dirty Shivers" Shivers and victory, was a fifteen footer on hole 12 at Harpeth Hills Golf Course. He had tied Ensworth senior Landon Jones on the first 18 holes with a score of 66 for the lowest of the day, and after two prior playoff holes, he found himself putting for the win.

As he set up to his ball, the rest of the MBA golf team watched with nervous anticipation, not knowing whether they would be celebrating or moving on to another playoff hole. But "nervous" was apparently not a word in Shivers' vocabulary. Seconds after the ball left his putter blade, he started walking after it. As it dropped into the hole, he pleased the crowd with a Tiger Woods-like fist pump. Winners gonna win.

Although any time an athlete wearing cardinal wins an individual championship deserves celebration, probably the most significant detail regarding Shivers' accomplishment (besides the fact that he did it as a sophomore and that he beat the reigning US Amateur medalist in the process) is that he did it from the number three spot on MBA's team.

This accomplishment not only demonstrates the incredible depth of MBA's team but also gave the MBA squad the boost it needed to secure the final qualifying spot for the state tournament. Had Shivers carded an average to below average round, the Big Red's season would have ended early.

Israel-Hamas Conflict Escalates: Middle East Tensions Reach Boiling Point

By Raleigh Maxwell
Editor-in-Chief

On October 3, 2023, Hamas, a militant Islamic group that has controlled Gaza since 2006, launched rockets into Israel, precipitating the most violent conflagration between the two countries in several decades. In addition to launching rockets, Hamas has stormed cities and killed and injured Israeli soldiers, civilians, and hostages.

In response, Israel has mobilized the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), their elite military troops, to retaliate against Hamas. Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, officially declared war on October 8th and ordered the IDF to carry out a “complete siege” of Hamas-controlled Gaza. The Israeli government has blocked aid to Palestinians in Gaza and ordered an estimated one million Palestinians to evacuate Northern Gaza with the hope of avoiding excessive civilian casualties.

The conflict has thrown the international arena into chaos, with great powers backing either

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side. President Biden, along with a majority of Washington, support Israel’s side and view Hamas as a terrorist organization. Despite that majority in Washington, some members of Congress have voiced

opposition to the blank check to Israel provided by Biden’s administration. While all members of Congress have condemned Hamas’ attack, some are still concerned about the aggressiveness of Israel’s retaliation. On October 13, George Santos (if that is really his name) erupted into anger over anti-Israel protesters by howling in the Capitol’s halls, “The fact that we have terrorism sympathizers in this building is unacceptable.” Washington is not alone in witnessing protests related to this conflict. Major American cities and universities have been swarmed by protesters from both sides of the dispute.

Understanding the historical context of this war provides important information for concocting a potential solution to it. While I cannot even begin to explain the full picture of the Israel-Palestine conflict in such limited space, I will attempt to provide sufficient context for today’s war.

The first war between Israel and Palestine broke out in 1948 following the creation of the State of Israel, which had been provided territory in the region by the United Nations Resolution 182, commonly known as the Partition Plan. Israel, with the backing of most of the Western nations, claimed victory over Palestine, and divided the region, with Israel receiving most of the land and Palestine holding only the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

The next major development came in 1967 when Israel invaded the Egypt-controlled Gaza Strip, the Jordanian-controlled West Bank, and another region known as the Golan



President Biden meets with Prime Minister Netanyahu.
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Heights, controlled by Syria. In response, Egypt and Syria attacked Israel in 1973 to regain their lost land but were ultimately unsuccessful.

After nearly thirty years of conflict, Israel and Egypt made peace in 1979 in the Camp David Accords. Palestine, however, was not content with the resulting division of power. In 1987, the first major uprising of the Palestinians themselves took place, called the first *intifada*, which in Arabic means “shaking off.” After a somewhat successful revolt, the Palestinians secured partial sovereignty under the Oslo Accords but still did not gain complete control over their land.

After a series of Palestinian

grievances, the second *intifada* broke out in the West Bank. Israel, fearing future Palestinian attacks, began to construct a wall around the West Bank, generating even more unrest within the Palestinians in the West Bank. Leveraging this sentiment, Hamas, a Palestinian political and militant movement, secured enough votes in Palestine’s parliamentary elections to oust the Fatah party and take control over the Palestinian Authority.

Under Hamas, more conflict emerged between Palestine and Israel, especially in the Gaza Strip.

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A Preview of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*

By Buck Brown
Staff Writer

As fall is beginning to settle, and the weather is beginning to cool down, Harpeth Hall and MBA playmakers are working on a new production of Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. This production is unlike many other performances seen before at both schools: it will be performed outdoors.

At the end of the Fall season’s production of *1776*, actors and actresses were given one day of rest before auditions kicked off for *Midsummer*. Directed by Mrs. Lauren Bromfield, the cast list was released over the weekend, and rehearsals began the week following the final performances of *1776*.

Shakespeare’s comedies are

often dwarfed by his other, more epic tragedies such as *Romeo and Juliet* and *Hamlet*, but this does not negate his masterful writing of these plays. When many imagine Shakespeare performances, they imagine a solemn, weeping, over-the-top representation of love, truth, cliché characters, and predictable plot twists. Additionally, one expects unimpressive and unenergetic acting from the performers, or people confuse themselves when trying to understand the written word, let alone hearing it spoken aloud. These factors give Shakespeare a bad rap when it comes to a high schooler’s opinion.

The common high-schooler must enjoy the show somehow, and I can assure you that the sheer energy and physicality of *Midsummer* will not disappoint anyone. The intonation

is perfected by the actors, so no attention must be paid to understand what is said. Jumping, running, diving into and through the audience provides consistent entertainment: lovers quarrel, fistfights, magic transformations, an audience-participating dance, and a relentless amount of short jokes that will make sure the “average high-schooler” will remain hooked, and the sub-hour-and-a-half running time will ease the short attention spans of us all. Plus, free admission.

I must admit that a negative view of Shakespeare was my opinion before (and during) the 8th grade reading of *Julius Caesar*, but afterward I can appreciate (simply appreciate) the magnitude of it. Over the summer, a slight interest and pressing of my father caused me to read the first scene

of *Hamlet*. I finished the five-hour play in four days; I was hooked. This experience caused me to read *Romeo and Juliet* in addition to the summer reading and read *Midsummer* entirely in the single night before the auditions.

Objectively, my opinion on Shakespeare has changed, and my understanding of his subjects certainly evolved with it. I recognize his intention in each line before my fellow actors and have audible reactions to when a clever line is dropped or a character is killed.

I’ll suggest *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* from an unbiased position. I’ve never seen Shakespeare performed with such vigor (nor performed it myself with such vigor).

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Schlichting Visits Navy Flagship *USS Nimitz*

By Brady Bauer
Features Editor

Over the summer, MBA's own Mr. Jim Schlichting of the maintenance department had the incredible opportunity to visit the *USS Nimitz*, the flagship of the *USS Nimitz* class nuclear aircraft carriers. Mr. Schlichting was offered this opportunity through an alumni connection made by Mr. Brad Gioia. He was given one seat for a visit to the *USS Nimitz* to use at his discretion. Mr. Gioia shared his invitation with the MBA faculty and staff and offered a single seat to *Nimitz* to the winner of a faculty essay contest. Mr. Schlichting's essay was chosen as the winner, and so, in the middle of the summer, Mr. Schlichting flew to San Diego to begin his journey to the *Nimitz*.



Mr. Schlichting stands with his visit group on the flight deck of the *USS Nimitz*.
Photo: Mr. Schlichting

“Schlichting spent 36 hours on *Nimitz* while it was underway 200 miles off the coast of California.”

Commissioned on May 3, 1975, the *USS Nimitz* was the first of class and has remained in the Navy for close to fifty years. The *Nimitz* will be decommissioned in 2025 after serving for fifty years. The *Nimitz* is 364 yards long, eighty-four yards wide, and displaces over 100,000 tons of water. Fueled by two nuclear reactors, the *Nimitz* requires refueling once every twenty-five years. The *Nimitz* puts its massive size to good use by carrying an air wing composed of ninety aircraft, larger than many

countries' entire air force. Crewed by nearly 5,000 sailors, the *Nimitz* is a floating city, with its own post office, barbershop, and even small grocery store.

Despite its huge size, the *Nimitz* rarely travels alone. Usually, it is accompanied by a strike group of two destroyers, a nuclear submarine, several frigates, sometimes a second smaller carrier, and the carrier air wing of ninety aircraft. Together this strike group creates an unstoppable force that has the power to end wars. The US Navy has eleven such strike groups stationed around the world, projecting military power to deter any threat against US interests. In my conversation with him, Mr. Schlichting emphasized that the media's perception of a historically weak military is utterly false. The next largest Navy in the world, China, has only two small diesel carriers

that serve as a single strike group that lacks the size or mobility to project real power or challenge the US Navy outside their own waters. The US navy is as powerful as it has ever been, and it is certainly exponentially stronger

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than any potential challengers.

Schlichting spent 36 hours on the *Nimitz* while it was underway two hundred miles off the coast of California. After a briefing at the North Island Naval Air Station, home of the famed Naval Fighter Weapons School, better known as

"Top Gun," Mr. Schlichting boarded a C2 Greyhound for a 1 hour 15-minute flight to the *Nimitz*. The group of civilians involved with the visit were guided around the entire ship over the next 36 hours. From top secret radar rooms to the bridge to watching flight operations from the flight deck itself, Mr. Schlichting saw everything the ship could offer. The notable features Mr. Schlichting mentioned included the incredible noise onboard, the smoothness of flight operations 24/7, and the focus of every individual on his or her specific job. Mr. Schlichting also mentioned how much he enjoyed watching flight operations at night from vulture's row and seeing the radar room that looks like it came straight from a war movie. Mr. Schlichting says that he is incredibly grateful to Mr. Gioia for helping him secure this amazing opportunity that he will never forget.

PSAT Update: Testing in the Digital Age

By John Howard
Staff Writer

This year for the PSAT, the College Board switched to a new online format. The PSAT being online was a major change for many students. Grades 9-11 took the new online format, while the eighth graders took the old paper format. The online format is broken up into different modules. There are two English and two Math "modules." The English modules have twenty-seven questions each, and the Math modules have twenty-two questions each. The first module is a set of questions that are meant to see your place in Math and English, and the second module is based on how you do on that first module for both sections. They have

hundreds of pre-prepared questions for the online version for different possible outcomes from module one to module two. The new PSAT uses an app called Bluebook

One concern for the PSAT was how the WiFi would handle it with all the students logging onto Bluebook at once. The initial test for the PSAT vs. the WiFi was okay for most students, but for others it did not go so well. For me and others in my advisory, we were unable to get onto the Bluebook app at all and instead had to try and do it at our homes. On the test day itself, the WiFi had a couple of issues, such as not allowing the teachers to get their room codes to start the test, but eventually they were able to get into the app. A few people had to get Chromebooks from Mr. Reynolds in

the library because the WiFi or other issues wouldn't let everyone log

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onto the app, and other people had their computers experience problems partway through the test, causing some people to lose a bit of time. Overall, however, the process went smoothly especially considering this is the College Board's first time doing the online PSAT.

Many students liked the new PSAT/SAT format because it is both shorter and easier to take than the previous SAT format. Instead of having to spend about half of your day taking the SAT over roughly four hours, the new format takes only about two hours and feels less tedious. The new, revamped English section is also a good new change to the format of the SAT, which most students seemed to like much better than the previous SAT format using longer passages. Overall, time will tell which format works better and how schools' WiFi's manage to handle the new PSAT/SAT format, but hopefully this change is for the better and more people may even start switching from the ACT back to the SAT.

MBA Must Adopt a Philosophy Class

By Kavneer Majhail
Opinions Editor

When we think about what it means to be a gentleman, the ethics of a good person usually comes to mind. MBA provides us with experiences that teach valuable lessons in how to structure our character. However, absent is a curriculum to teach morality and ethical living. As the world becomes more complicated, the need for wise decisions is ever more important. A philosophy class at MBA would allow students to learn the foundations of ethical decision making and foster new paradigms of thinking.

At the heart of any liberal arts education, like MBA, stands the Classics. Similar to Latin, MBA students should learn the foundations of our ethical frameworks. From Plato to contemporary philosophers, students should learn how the structures of our society rely upon the works of these great thinkers. While some of this philosophy is explored in the English and History curriculums, students do not delve into the intricacies and nuances of each philosopher. An introductory philosophy course that introduces students to the guiding philosophies would create opportunities for more

exploration.

This exploration would foster critical thinking as students would contextualize different paradigms to different scenarios. For example, the famous Trolley Problem, a thought experiment that poses the dilemma between saving a loved one from an oncoming trolley versus five strangers, would allow students to question the ethics by which they live. A philosophy class could use different lenses of analysis to determine an ethical response to this scenario. This questioning would teach students to think for themselves. One of the key aspects of being a gentleman is the ability to develop independent opinions. A philosophy class would foster these skills and prepare students for the real world.

While some argue that a philosophy class takes up too much time, its lessons will develop the most useful skills that MBA can grant its students. Once we leave The Hill, the chances that we use calculus, physics, and historical dates remain slim. On the contrary, alternative paradigms of thinking educate students to carefully analyze situations and understand different perspectives. This multifaceted education provides students with skills that will help them



Modern-day depiction of a potential MBA philosophy class.

PHOTO: Wikimedia Commons

from small, everyday situations to life-changing decisions.

The best implementation of a philosophy class would be through an elective offered to Juniors and Seniors. Since the majority of Juniors and Seniors have taken the basic history courses at MBA, they will understand the historical background for large philosophical events like the Enlightenment and Renaissance. The class would be more helpful

for upperclassmen because careful decision making would guide their important decisions.

All in all, a philosophy course at MBA would train students to become more sophisticated thinkers. With the future becoming more complicated everyday, a strong understanding of the philosophical past is critical to addressing today's challenges.

Drake's *For All The Dogs* Receives Mixed Reactions

By Sid Dighe
Staff Writer

Aubrey Graham, better recognized as Drake, released *For All the Dogs* on October 6, 2023. Drake's 8th studio album features his return to what he does best while still trying new sounds. Drake speaks about his hard-earned spot as the top dog of the music game and his past, failed relationships. This formula seems to work, as the album sold 411,000 copies and amassed over 500 million streams within the first week of its release. But how does this formula keep working for so many artists in today's music industry? What does it say about the current state of music?

From the people I interviewed, I received mixed responses. John Little described the album as "forgettable." Drake, however, is trying to be anything but that. He adds long intros, outros, and skits to multiple songs, which often fall flat. For example, "Calling For You" features a woman's long, boring rant. Drake actively makes the song, which is fine lyrically and production-wise, worse. Another instance is Adonis's feature

on "Daylight." Drake's part is pretty good, but his son's verse at the end is just awful (though you can't expect much from a six-year-old). Many on the internet believe Drake ruined the song "IDGAF." Featuring Yeat, a rising star in the rap scene, on the track seemed to be a good idea, since, over the past few years, many music fans have become enamored by the growing rage trap genre. Yeat's feature seemed to satisfy listeners so much that many say he outshines Drake on

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Drake's own song. This may be for a few reasons, such as Yeat's feature taking up most of the song and the BYNX beat, which Yeat is spectacular with. In "Gently," Drake, attempting to imitate Bad Bunny, raps in Spanish with an accent. It was so bad that John thinks Drake was trolling, a recurring theme in the album.

On the other hand, those who like the album are reminded of the

ingenuity of Drake's music. Jagger Rooney explained to me how he enjoys Drake's return to his old sound. The album presents several songs that turn out to be much better than the rest. Drake's vocals in "Virginia Beach" are smooth and well thought-out, making it one of the best songs on the album. With Tezzo Touchdown, Drake discusses love and relationships on "Amen" and exhibits Teezo's beautiful vocals. "First Person Shooter," featuring J. Cole, is arguably the best song on the album. "Slime You Out" features SZA, who continued her hot streak coming off Travis Scott's *Utopia*. Drake successfully branches out of his comfort zone in his trap beats, "Fear of Heights" and "Daylight."

Cole Morgan expressed his love for the album's features. Features from big artists generate popularity around an album's release. While songs like "IDGAF" featuring Yeat, "Rich Baby Daddy" featuring Sexyy Red and SZA, and "All The Parties" featuring Chief Keef are not perfect, they get many fans excited to hear the album.

For All the Dogs revealed the power and influence Drake holds. He

understands that big features, shots directed at artists and exes, and corny bars will generate publicity for the album. For these reasons, the album is such a hit, not for its lyricism or production. Drake can do whatever he wants on an album, and we will still eat it up. He puts more effort into the icing on the cake than the cake itself. As Little said, "he doesn't seem to be taking this music stuff seriously anymore." I am excited to see how Drake comes back into music after his

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recent hiatus. Will a break and reset give him motivation to make an album as amazing as *Take Care*, or will he continue to drop mediocre albums like *For All The Dogs*?

MBA Introduces New Safety Protocols

By Aiden Becker
News Editor

Due to safety concerns on school campuses across the country over the past few years, and much closer to home last year, MBA has revamped several security protocols to maintain safety on The Hill. From added security cameras, a greater emphasis on access cards, more security presence, and new visitor policies, the administration clearly made campus safety a top priority.

One of the most noticeable new security policies for students is new lanyards to be worn at all times. The lanyards are color-coded so that anyone on campus can be quickly and easily identified. Student lanyards are expected to be worn at all times as well. Students seen without a lanyard will be sent to the main office where they will have three strikes before receiving demerits.

Visitors are required to check in

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at the office and receive a lanyard of a specified color so that they can be easily identified as well as confirm their reason for visiting campus.

Another aspect of the visitor policy is that representatives from other organizations like Young Life must be pre-approved before being allowed to enter campus to interact with students, faculty, or staff. This is to limit outside visitors from having constant contact with students and with the buildings. We are asked to understand that this is done to achieve a safer environment from possible threats.

In addition to lanyards, use of student keycards has been an emphasis at the beginning of this year. Keycard checks have become more common and will likely become a regular occurrence in advisories. Students who have lost their keycards are required to notify the office so that the old card can be deactivated and a new card can be issued for \$20.00.

Some may have also noticed the installation of security cameras across the campus. Although it may appear as though our every move is being watched, they have been installed as another way to monitor events and any suspicious activity occurring on campus. They are positioned both inside and outside of pretty much every building.

Teachers also received significant training before the beginning of the school year. With a focus on neutralizing any threat from a firearm, teachers learned how to successfully disarm an intruder through hand-to-hand combat. During a lockdown during the beginning of the year,

teachers shared the basics of their training with students so that students can also defend themselves. Teachers were also trained on how to barricade doors and coordinate a strategy of getting off campus during an active shooter event.

Another aspect of the safety plans is a visible increased security presence on campus. MBA employs three full-time security guards who can be seen conducting roving patrols throughout the day. The security desk in the Burk is manned by contracted

security who monitor the live camera feeds from around campus. Members of the security team are also more present during arrival and dismissal times to observe students, faculty, staff, and guests entering the campus. The student population is grateful to have Mr. Kroll, Mr. Bacon, and Mr. Sanders on campus throughout the school day. Their constant positive attitudes can brighten anyone's day, and their comforting presence provides a strong sense of safety on campus.



The lanyard all MBA students are required to wear.
PHOTO: Brady Bauer

An Adieu to Membean

By Res Seibels
Staff Writer

Membean is gone, and the consensus among the teachers is that vocabulary sheets are here to stay, say English teacher Mr. Elijah Reynolds and Department Chair Mrs. Gracie Bassett. A variety of factors made the decision an easy one.

From a departmental view, data on student vocabulary learning seems to indicate that vocabulary is learned more effectively in the context of reading. Students are better at learning new words when they have to “find them in the wild,” as Mrs. Bassett said. Memorization does not lead to the same depth in understanding because it lacks context clues and self-teaching.

Additionally, from a classroom view, Membean is not nearly as fun or engaging because everyone has different words. Mr. Reynolds said that Membean leaves “no opportunity for vocabulary games or vocabulary

time in class to talk and joke about the words” and went on to say that that time “gives the words opportunities to sink in and stick.” Those opportunities are only possible if the whole class has the same words to reference.

The enjoyment of learning vocabulary is crucial to making the process more meaningful for the students. Students are more apt to deploy vocabulary words in class in creative ways or see the words repeatedly in the stories they read over the course of the year. In the words of Mrs. Bassett, “The joy of the classroom is to have the liberty to do such things which fosters inquiry and helps build relationships.” In the view of English teachers, students do not appreciate transactional work that feels like busy work. Membean was something else everyone has to do without an obvious application, *i.e.*, busy work.

Most English teachers expressed their discontent with Membean as well. Mrs. Bassett said that as “word

nerds,” English teachers make their living off of the language and would prefer that to be more engaging and fun. These vocabulary sheets give teachers room to add their own creativity and touch to their lesson plans because they can personalize the vocabulary sheets in different ways. Mr. Reynolds said that in the context of English 8, seeing the words again in future reading helps reinforce the word and make the experience more enjoyable.

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Some students may wonder if Membean will ever come back. The answer is a almost certain “no.” Even though Mr. Reynolds initially brought

Membean to the table, he and the other English teachers changed their mind and are happy with that decision. Membean currently lacks an advocate in the English department.

Despite this reality, vocabulary sheets are “a form of flux” according to Mrs. Bassett. Right now, the grading rubric for the sheets is up to the individual teachers. It is possible that the sheets could go into the gradebook simply as a homework grade, that the words could be incorporated into a test or the exam, or it could mean a return of 7th grade like vocabulary quizzes.

The approach overall to the vocabulary sheets “needs to be informed by the scope and sequence of the course itself and the pedagogical approach of the instructor” in the words of Mrs. Bassett. Vocabulary sheets are not set in stone, but Membean will definitely not be making a return in the near future.

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Editor's Note

By Jack Farringer and Raleigh Maxwell
Editors-in-Chief

On October 4, 1853, the Crimean War erupted between the Ottoman Empire and the Russian Empire over a territorial dispute in modern-day Romania. While MBA students might only remember this war because of its inspiration for Alfred Lord Tennyson's iconic "The Charge of the Light Brigade," the conflict reverberated throughout the 19th-century world. The reason the Crimean War left such an indelible mark on international geopolitics, however, was not due to its contribution to fractured European alliances, although significant, but rather its demonstration of the harsh realities of war. The Crimean War marked the first time a large-scale conflict had been documented extensively by photography.

Roger Fenton, a British photojournalist, had been commissioned by the British government to accompany the troops in their support of the Ottoman Empire's defense against the Russians. His photos captured the desperation of the soldiers fighting in the war and the destruction the battles had on both the environment and the local communities. The publication of his photos in British newspapers shocked viewers, who had only ever read about and had never seen the effects of warfare. Great Britain, as a result of Fenton's photography, entered into a period of "splendid isolation," neglecting their international pledges to defend allies.

Today, we find ourselves confronting similar brutality, as if transported back to the 1850s. Photos of the violence taking place in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, or even America inundate news and social media feeds. The Israel-Hamas conflict has precipitated a dramatic escalation in human rights violations. Civilians caught in the crossfire have experienced life-threatening situations. Reporters have documented bombings, missile strikes, kidnappings, murders, sexual violence, and deteriorating living conditions. The violence is certainly not caused only by the terrorism of Hamas or the retaliatory actions of the Israeli forces; both sides have contributed to the death of civilians, whether intentionally or unintentionally.

Ukraine, too, has witnessed the grim reality of war with Russian forces targeting civilian buildings and subjecting innocent Ukrainians to torture.

In the face of such horror, it is tempting to remain passive, with the hope that the conditions in these countries will improve. While such passivity is the wrong response, it's true that addressing these complex international conflicts from afar is challenging. It may seem like the only option we have is to raise awareness, which is certainly an important part of preventing these atrocities. Directly effecting the conditions, however, remains difficult. What we can do is try to play a role in curbing the violence and suffering within our own communities.

While not on the same scale as international conditions, poverty in America has been taking its toll on this nation for decades. The statistics are stark: 37 million Americans live below the federal poverty threshold, and among them, 11 million are children. In Tennessee, the child poverty rate is a staggering 22%. That's more than one in every five kids.

Just as Great Britain responded to the Crimean War by reevaluating their international commitments, our response to local problems should be to focus on improving our own communities. We should commit more time and effort to addressing the people struggling in our own backyard.

As MBA students, it may seem like we can't truly make a difference until we are adults with stable incomes, but there are plenty of opportunities both through MBA and outside of school to help care for our own community. Students can participate in just a few of the countless Service Club projects that are looking for more volunteers, find an organization outside school that interests them, or simply start by picking up trash around their neighborhood.

We have a special community here on The Hill, but we are also members of a larger Nashville community that needs our support. It is easy to get overwhelmed by all of the suffering, disputes, and problems around the world, but focusing on giving back to our own Nashville community is a good way to start.

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Seniors Pioneer AP African American Studies

By Raleigh Maxwell
Editor-in-Chief

In 2021, the College Board made a groundbreaking move to address criticism regarding its Euro-centric curriculum by introducing a pilot program for a new Advanced Placement course: African-American Studies. Since then, the development of the class and its curriculum has become the center of heated debates, with political divisions at the forefront.

Republican figures, such as the current Florida governor and potential Republican presidential nominee Ron DeSantis, have criticized the course, arguing the class “significantly lacks educational value” and is “historically inaccurate,” according to a letter written by the Florida Department of Education. Conservative opposition stems from their fear of radical politics corrupting the classroom. This apprehension has also manifested in their push for banning books that touch on topics like Critical Race Theory or LGBTQ+ themes.

Figures on the left have called out the College Board for appeasing DeSantis’s demands by downplaying crucial parts of the course, including Black feminism and Critical Race



AP African American Studies Panel at the National Museum for African American History and Culture.

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Theory. Many academics and politicians, however, see the class as an opportunity to mainstream Black history, a topic that has often been overlooked in American history.

The mere existence of these debates over whether high schoolers should take the class is proof of its necessity. Political opinions should not

dictate what happens in the classroom, as freedom of thought and education provide the foundation for our nation’s democracy.

This year, MBA seniors had the option to pilot the class for the country. MBA was selected as one of about 200 schools to offer the course for the 2023-2024 school year. The

course will be officially offered to all schools for the next academic year, 2024-2025.

The MBA class is taught by Mr. Brad Perry, who dedicated part of his summer to attending the AP African American Studies Summer Institute in the nation’s capital at Howard University. There, Mr. Perry met and collaborated with other teachers who would be piloting the course. In conversation with Mr. Perry, he noted that not all of the teachers were history teachers. A handful of them, surprisingly, were English teachers, demonstrating the interdisciplinary nature of the course.

While technically a “history” class, the course offers an interdisciplinary approach to studying African-American history and culture. In the course, students primarily learn the history of the experiences of African Americans but also read Black literature, study Black art, and analyze Black culture more broadly. The class is structured by what the College Board calls “Source Encounters,” which can be anything from an ancient African piece of pottery to a modern poem from a Black poet.

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MBA Eats: Jasmine Thai and Sushi Review

By George Ma
Staff Writer

When looking for a dinner spot that is comfortable, inexpensive, tasty, and outside of your comfort zone, Jasmine is a great option. Located in Cool Springs near the Cool Springs Galleria, Jasmine offers an authentic, delicious Thai cuisine combined with a sushi bar option. When we first entered, Sayan Dalai and I were met with welcoming and kind wait staff who quickly sat us down, gave us the menu, and served us our drinks. The Jasmine menu offers a variety of appetizers and small dishes, including steamed edamame and steamed dumplings; a plethora of Thai entrees, including a section of curries and assorted dishes and a section of noodle dishes all within a spice range of 1 Mild to 5 Thai Hot; desserts, including fried bananas and sticky rice with custard; and also a section for Sushi and sashimi.

Sayan and I opted for a bowl of steamed edamame to start and a Pad Thai and Pad Woonsen, respectively, for entrees. All the dishes came out expediently and were super tasty, and the portions were more than generous. All in all, the dining experience was

splendid with great food and more than satisfactory service.

After a short wait, the owner, Bobby Kornsuwan, who was tending to a malfunctioning drain in the kitchen, happily greeted us two high schoolers for a quick interview, even slightly after the restaurant had technically closed. “Bobby,” as he told us to call him, immigrated from Thailand when he was just 6 years

old in 1974, meaning that he has been in the US for almost 50 years and in Nashville for almost 40 years. At the time of his immigration, Bobby recalls being happy in Thailand, comfortable with the great food back at home and the beautiful scenery, ranging from tall, continuous mountain ranges in the north to the beautiful shores and oceans in the south. When asked about where a tourist should go visit, he

commented that the Bangkok nightlife is a must-have experience. His parents made the decision to move from Thailand to America, which meant a huge change for Bobby as to make new friends and learn an entirely new language and an entirely new culture.

Despite this monumental change, he grew to accept Nashville as his new home and has never looked back. When seeing news headlines about Thailand’s political, social and economic status, Bobby, with his experience in both America and Thailand, recognizes the difference between the two countries and understands that people think differently based on their background and where they grew up.

He recognizes his inability to change what occurs in Thailand and so decides to move on with his life and accept his home in America. So, partnered with his parents’ teaching on how to cook and how to operate a restaurant business, Bobby opened his first restaurant in 1988 with his savings and eventually found his way to opening Jasmine in 2000 as he envisioned the opportunity for growth in an expanding Cool Springs area.



George and Sayan enjoy Thai food at Jasmine in Cool Springs.

PHOTO: George Ma

MBA's German Club Celebrates Oktoberfest

By Adien Becker
News Editor

Many could smell the greatness flowing out of the grill behind Tommy Owen on a warm September morning, and it was certainly a privilege to taste it. The MBA German Club hosted a mini-Oktoberfest on campus, complete with wursts, sauerkraut, curry sauce, and root beer. With nearly four hundred sausages, the German club easily gathered a large crowd to the stand to partake in the yearly celebration.

Currywurst is a German American food made during the Cold War, and it is typically served as a street food across Germany. The sauce is a tomato base mixed with different spices to add the kick needed for the wurst. Usually currywurst is served with fries on the side or underneath the sausages. The night before, Mr. Dougherty prepared the much-loved curry sauce for the sausages and kept it warm for all to enjoy.

German students were encouraged to bring a pack of sausages to be able to feed a larger group, and they more than met what was needed. During the entire morning, people could see students dropping off their sausages into Mr. Dougherty's room along with



Mr. Dougherty mans the grill at the German Club's Oktoberfest gathering.
PHOTO: MBA

root beer. Because of the amount of sausages, Mr. Dougherty spent the period before setting up for the event

and started grilling away.

President Eli Stark was instrumental in communicating with

members of the German Club and other German students to bring in food and help set up the table during the Activity Period. With the hope of attracting a large part of the student body. The leaders of the club also served the food and worked hard to ensure that all attendees got a taste of German street cuisine and had a good time.

With music blasting, the hot grill, and the smell of curry sauce, sauerkraut, and sausage filling the air, it did not take long for nearly everybody on campus to swarm the table hoping to get a bite. Hordes of hungry students arrived, and the German club had to recruit the help of other members and students to feed everyone within the thirty-minute time frame.

The community was united to celebrate this major German celebration, and the club was more than happy to host this event as it was one of its biggest in its history. Thank you to Mr. Dougherty, the leaders of the German Club, the volunteers, and all of those who showed up to partake in the festivities and be prepared to possibly see similar events in the future.

Chamber Orchestra Records Puppet Show Musical Score

By Noam Friedman
Staff Writer

During quarter one, Mrs. Wilson informed the Chamber Orchestra class of a unique performance opportunity that the class would undertake. She announced this opportunity in an unconventional way. Instead of writing it on the board where the typical class calendar is, she read a book called *La La La: A Story of Hope* by famed children's author, Kate DiCamillo. In the story, a young girl ventures into the world singing "la" to the nature she sees. To the girl's dismay she receives no reply from the world. At one point she even attempts to climb up to the moon yet still gets no response. Dismayed, she returns to the ground, but then at the very end, she hears a reply back. The story is unique in that there are no words besides "la." Wishing Chair Productions, the world-renowned puppet troupe of the Nashville public library, selected the story to be made into a puppet show.

One under-appreciated element of a puppet show, however, is the musical score. Mrs. Wilson's husband, Bret Wilson, the director of Wishing Chair Productions, had heard the MBA orchestra perform before and was impressed enough to ask Mrs.

Wilson and the MBA Chamber Orchestra if they were up to the challenge of doing a professional recording at the downtown library. The score itself was composed by Ms. Sophia Dawn Winter, who actually is a former violin student of Mrs. Wilson. The score, composed of six different scenes—perfectly lined up to the designed puppet show—was longer and a different type of piece than the Chamber Orchestra typically performed. As a result, preparing and practicing for the recording took up nearly every class period in the few

"We had a set amount of time, so we couldn't afford to commit many errors."

weeks leading up to the recording. Our last few rehearsals at school, Mr. Bret Wilson came to MBA to observe our rehearsing and record some footage, and Ms. Winter also came since she played the piano part of her composition.

On Sunday, October 1, the day of the recording, there were a few challenges when it came to getting to the recording area on time—mainly the traffic from the Titans football

game and a few locked doors, since the library was closed to the public. When it came to the actual recording session, there was professional, fancy equipment already laid out by the team that was recording us in the very room used for the puppet show performances. The environment was one of perfection and silence, since every little mistake or bit of noise resulted in another retake of the complete scene—there was no stopping in the middle! Furthermore, we had a set amount of time to finish the recording, so we couldn't afford to commit many errors. Luckily, the Chamber Orchestra was up to the task and managed to finish with time to spare.

Leaving the library, however, became another unexpected adventure. Because of locked doors, Mr. Wilson led us out of the library using back rooms that the public does not have access to. While walking down the hallways, we got a brief glimpse at the area where Wishing Chair Productions creates and works on their puppets. Though playing the *La La La* score meant hours of practice leading up to the actual recording day and spent our precious time on the weekend, the experience was a valuable opportunity that very few high school musicians have the chance to do.

As for the actual puppet show of *La La La*, it is set to debut at the MLK Magnet School on Saturday, November 4, at 10:00 a.m. It is a ticketed event that has Kate DiCamillo herself making an appearance and giving a lecture about her work. Ultimately, *La La La* is the story of the powerful voice of an individual in a world that rarely stops to listen; hopefully, the music played by the

"Hopefully, the music played by the Chamber Orchestra manages to convey the themes and messages of Kate DiCamillo's story."

Chamber Orchestra manages to convey the themes and messages of Kate DiCamillo's story. Because of Wishing Chair Productions's history of preserving all of its work dating back to nearly a hundred years ago, the work done by the MBA Chamber Orchestra will likely outlive us and be enjoyed by many for decades to come.

MBA Outruns Lipscomb, F



Brooklen Davis ('25) leaves a Mustang in the dust.
PHOTO: Abby Miller

By Claiborne Tompkins
Staff Writer

The MBA football team felt different coming into the 2023-24 season. After a wildly successful 2022-23 campaign in which the Big Red lost only one game, a new group of seniors sought to create their own path to eternal glory on

the gridiron. Replacing 15 different starters (of the 22 possible) across the offense and the defense was a tall task to successfully complete, but Team 125 was ready to try.

The first game of the Big Red's season came against a historic rival, the Pearl-Cohn Firebirds. Despite a valiant effort by the team, the Big Red came up short,

21-14. During the loss, it was apparent that the boys still had wrinkles to do to iron out as they gained experience and knowledge.

Weeks 2, 3, and 4 brought more daunting challenges, and it seemed as though the Big Red could not catch a break, losing extremely close games to Ensworth, MUS, and CPA. Faced with a daunting

0-4 record, Team 125 could have given up or decided to throw in the towel; instead, they rose to the occasion.

In Week 5, MBA traveled into the hostile environment that is Father Ryan. Ryan, coming into the game undefeated, looked to end an almost 30 year drought of wins against the Big Red.

Father Ryan, Knox Catholic



Unfortunately for them, Team 125 did not allow the streak to end, and went on to win a thrilling game on a strong defensive stand.

Week 6 was a week to be forgotten after MBA suffered a tough defeat against a nationally ranked McCallie team. Again, adversity approached the Big Red, but they refused to let up coming

into Week 7. The Big Red defeated Knox Catholic 17-12, picking up their second win of the season.

Team 125 looked to continue their success against an extremely (over)hyped rival, Lipscomb Academy. Known for bringing in recruits and coaches, Lipscomb is widely disliked among Nashville area schools, and MBA sought

to quiet the talk. In a wild game, MBA's defense dominated, allowing Lipscomb a total of six points. A special moment came during a last second goal-line stand, demonstrating the resilience and determination embodied by Team 125.

The season is far from over for the Big Red, and hopefully many

great things are to come. While this team may not be undefeated or flashy, Team 125 will go down in the record books as one of the most resilient and tough teams to ever play at Tommy Owen.

Magistra Anne Christeson: A Remembrance

By Ms. Sarah Ellery
Contributor

Take a minute and think about someone who really matters to you, someone who makes you feel immense gratitude for being alive at the same time they are, someone whose spirit is, as Cicero would have it, your “second self.” For me, that person is Anne Christeson. Magistra Christeson, who passed away earlier this month, was a veteran of the classroom when she retired from MBA in 2015, having taught Latin, French, and English here for decades. She also served as a Junior School advisor, track coach, department chair and mentor teacher, original sponsor of the African American Studies Club and dedicated advisor to *The Bell Ringer*. Every area of this campus was enhanced by her presence and improved by her excellence. Yet none of her individual roles and achievements can adequately portray what a gift her life was to those who loved her, nor can I attempt to do so here—it would take volumes! But I do hope to convey a little of what made my dear friend so extraordinary, both to honor her memory and to inspire you to use your time here to the fullest, as she did.

“Lasso and stick, short e to short i, iō loves iunt!” Generations of MBA Latin scholars have learned the Christeson method of conjugating verbs, one of the countless ways her legacy lives on today. Mrs. Christeson understood that playfulness is just as important in teaching as lesson planning. She didn’t just assign her students verb conjugation homework: she also challenged them to a race with the promise of a sticker for anyone who could beat her. She didn’t simply tell her students how the



Mrs. Anne Christeson, former MBA faculty member. PHOTO: Ms. Ellery

Romans bathed with oil and strigil: she brought in a scraper from her horse barn and had students try it out for themselves. She loved telling vivid stories, and her tales of Roman heroes were enriched with episodes from her own life, moral lessons an MBA student could take away and ponder. She thought like an 8th grade boy and always knew what would motivate them. Once, when she was walking along the aisles of her classroom making sure her students were all looking at the correct handout (which, out of awe or fear, they usually were), she tripped on a backpack strap and fell. The boy whose bag it belonged to

was mortified, and I have to imagine Mrs. Christeson was a little shaken. The next day, however, she offered her students a bonus point on the quiz if they drew a picture of her “slow-motion” fall, and she couldn’t wait to show me the funniest ones. In that one small moment, she put an upset boy at ease and showed all her students how gracious it can be to laugh at yourself.

Mrs. Christeson took delight in many things and reveled in sharing them with her students and friends. She always said she had two men in her life—her husband, Wayne, and Cicero—and kept pictures of them in her classroom. She read the *Farmer’s*

Almanac and French newspapers with equal fascination. She could muck out a horse barn in the afternoon and then in the evening grace the opera or ballet with her elegant presence. Mrs. Christeson’s passion for music led her to a successful career as a professional harpist—she started playing with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra when she was only twelve!—but she also loved the old-salt wisdom of classic country music. She was a talented painter with an impressionist’s eye and brilliantly captured both the noble elegance of her horses and the humble beauty of the wildflowers around her home in Leipers Fork. A devoted baseball fan, she cheered most zealously for MBA and Vandy, her *alma mater* where she graduated *summa cum laude* in Classics and earned the prestigious Founder’s Medal. As scholarly as she was, she was always childlike in her enthusiasm for life, which is probably why she absolutely loved children and often invited her colleagues and their families to visit her and meet her horses. Her days were full, and her life was fulfilling—the very definition of the *bona vita*.

Mrs. Christeson cared deeply about many things and made a real difference in the lives of countless students and colleagues, but I think her most beautiful attribute was that she never missed a chance to show people how much she cared about them. Below you can read some reflections on how she did just that from some of the people whose lives she touched here, and you can scan the code to read her wonderful “Rules for Teachers.” I’m grateful to everyone who shared their memories and to all who read this remembrance of her. *Requiescās in pace, ō optima magistra et amīca carissima. Avē atque valē.*

Reflections from former students and colleagues:

“When my boys were little, we went out to Anne and Wayne’s farm and rode horses. Besides the joy of seeing Anne in her element and how she handled horses as deftly as she handled teenage boys, we also laughed that her graduate degree from UT was hanging in the tack shed, unlike her degree from Vandy! I think it was my third year at MBA... I audited Anne’s Latin I class for most of the year, including taking the tests and the first semester exam. I definitely learned some Latin, and I also learned lots about teaching and managing a class.”
—Mr. Russ

“I’ll always remember Anne as one of the kindest and most supportive people in my first few years at MBA. There was a day that I was having a

particularly hard time and she called me a “hero”, which of course wasn’t even remotely the case, but it lifted my spirits like nothing else. That was not the only time she made me feel special, wanted, and like I belonged.”
—Herr Dougherty

“I joked with my friend Anne that, better than any other teacher, to motivate her students she used two opposite emotions: unconditional love and sheer terror! Her students raved about how much they loved Mrs. Christeson but were absolutely terrified that they might disappoint her.” —Mr. Moxley

“A fond memory of Anne for me was her kindness. I remember so many times she would drive down the old Brighton Road by the baseball field after school and see me walking to the field in my uniform before our game.

She would always slow down, smile, and tell me good luck today. Anne was not just a baseball fan, but an enthusiastic MBA baseball fan.” —Mr. Wims

“I am absolutely heartbroken to hear about the passing of my favorite teacher of all-time, Mrs. Anne Christeson. She was my 8th grade Latin Teacher and the ‘mom’ of the African American Studies Club. As one of our sponsors, she was extremely supportive of our efforts of making MBA more diverse, inclusive, and supportive of Black students. Mrs. Christeson not only fed us with all the snacks, she was also a true ally for us and took the time to learn, understand, and share. As someone who was at MBA when the first Black student graduated, she understood the importance of our efforts. And we were / are still grateful. Mrs.

Christeson, thank you. Sure, I can thank you for being a great teacher, but thank you for giving me / us space. Space in your heart love, space in your time to mentor and guide, space for a laugh after a long day, and space in your heart to serve and be an ally.” —Daniel White, Class of 2010

“Anne Christeson exceeded my expectations. She commanded the kind of respect and appreciation for Latin that defined the best teachers I have known. More importantly, she loved the hearts and minds and mischief and frailties of young men, and she challenged them to be their best selves. She could be tough and loving at the same time. I will miss her immensely, and I know how important she is in the annals and history of MBA.” —Mr. Brad Gioia

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An Update on the Percy Warner Golf Course Renovation

By Nicolas Leonard
Staff Writer

As many serious and casual golfers throughout the Nashville Area know, the beloved Percy Warner Golf Course has been under construction for far too long. The nine hole course's fun and simple design invites golfers of all skill levels to play.

Surrounded by the beautiful nature of Percy Warner Park, the course's cheap green fee of twelve dollars allows for an enjoyable round every time. With the course being 84 years old, it is bound to have some issues concerning the systems that help it maintain functionality for the public.

Preceding the project, one of the main concerns for the nonprofit group that runs the course, Friends of Warner Park, was the irrigation system and the old galvanized pipe that it was run by. The group believes that through installing a more modern and automated irrigation system, turf quality will improve drastically and hours spent by laborers keeping the course playable will decrease.



Golf enthusiast Charlie Kilburn is eagerly waiting to play golf again at Percy Warner. PHOTO: MBA

The goal of these renovations is to create a high caliber public course that can be used to expand the game of

golf within Tennessee. The total cost of these improvements is estimated to be around two million dollars, which

would cover the new expansions and maintenance added to the course's design. The project's due date was originally scheduled shortly after the summer months in September, but has since been postponed until the summer of 2024.

Although renovations are essentially completed in terms of the course, Percy Warner Park is waiting for warmer weather in order to complete all that needs to be filled in with the new greens. The clubhouse is also currently under construction which will help create a more modern appearance to the building. Architect Bruce Hepner stated during the ribbon cutting ceremony on October 5, "We need warmer weather for all that needs to be filled in with the new greens. We want the course to be perfect." Because of these drastic renovations, golfers all over Nashville are eager to get back out on the course to play on the grounds of Percy Warner Park. But, unfortunately, those wishes will have to wait until June 2024.

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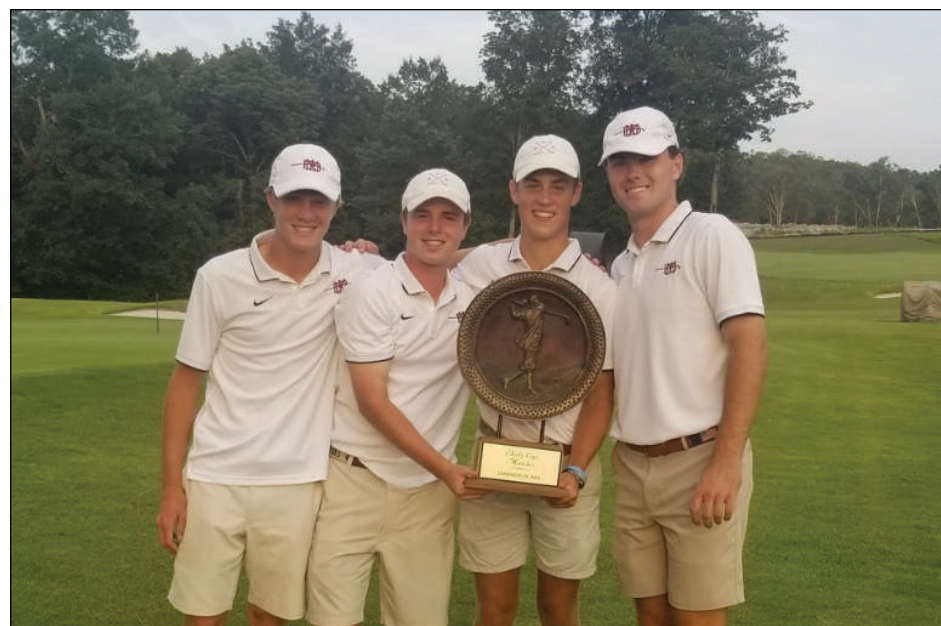
But thankfully it didn't, and the MBA golf team earned a trip to the Wilderness at the Smokey's resort (it also has a golf course). When the state tournament began, the Big Red came out hot with a few golfers under par early in their rounds. Unfortunately, the wind picked up during the middle

part of round one and because of the team's starting on the 11th tee, the Big Red golfers unfortunately had to deal with this adversity on some of the course's toughest holes.

At this point in the tournament, the Big Red golfers still had hope the conditions had as much of an affect on others as it had them. However, these hopes were dashed as word got



Will Jackson sinks a putt on the golf course. PHOTO: MBA



Golf Seniors pose with their hardware. PHOTO: MBA

out that aforementioned US Amateur Medalist, Blades Brown, had vaulted to six under par through seven holes and would go on to finish at eight under par for the day. Apparently, he really did not want to lose to Shivers again.

After this less than ideal day of golf, the Big Red got a boost that night: their teammates had arrived to watch them and were pumped up by a pit stop at Buc-ee's (where sophomore Turner Cline bought a beaver costume). Capitalizing on this excitement, the Big Red had the second-best state tournament round that Coach Jackson has seen during his 12-year tenure. The team scored a one under 287 for the day, an amazing feat. The round was good

enough to earn them a third place finish (although painfully one short of hardware).

Following the season, the Big Red have a lot to be proud of. Senior, and seventh-grade member of Mr. Kelly's golf team (the only senior playing in state who was on that team), Will Jackson finished his six-year career with a four under 68 and a fifth place finish to lead MBA. Additionally, Senior Tyler Bartell, the only four-year varsity member, had a solid finish to his career as well with two solid scores. Finally, the team scored over ten shots better (a lot in golf) in its final round of the year than it did in that of the previous year, and the team is well-positioned for the future.

Vandy Launches Ambitious Athletic Advancements

By Jack Farringer
Editor-in-Chief

In recent months, Vanderbilt University started construction on its ambitious \$300 million Vandy United athletic renovation plan. The plan includes courts and training rooms for the men's and women's basketball teams, a new golf clubhouse, and updates to the tennis, baseball, and football facilities.

Giving FirstBank stadium its first upgrade since 1981, the university plans to add new premium and box seating to both end zones as well as a new video board and sound system to benefit the entire stadium. In the renderings, the football team is also set to gain a new indoor practice field.

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Although these renovations show that Vandy has finally chosen to

invest significant time and money into its athletic programs, Vandy's football stadium will remain an active construction site for the entirety of this year's football season due to the magnitude of the project. With a video board held up by cranes and only some padding to mark the the border between the field and the construction zone, SEC fans have found plenty to complain about when they travel to Nashville. These same fans, however, have been complaining about the

state of FirstBank stadium for years, so it seems like they should be happy about the improvements coming to the stadium soon.

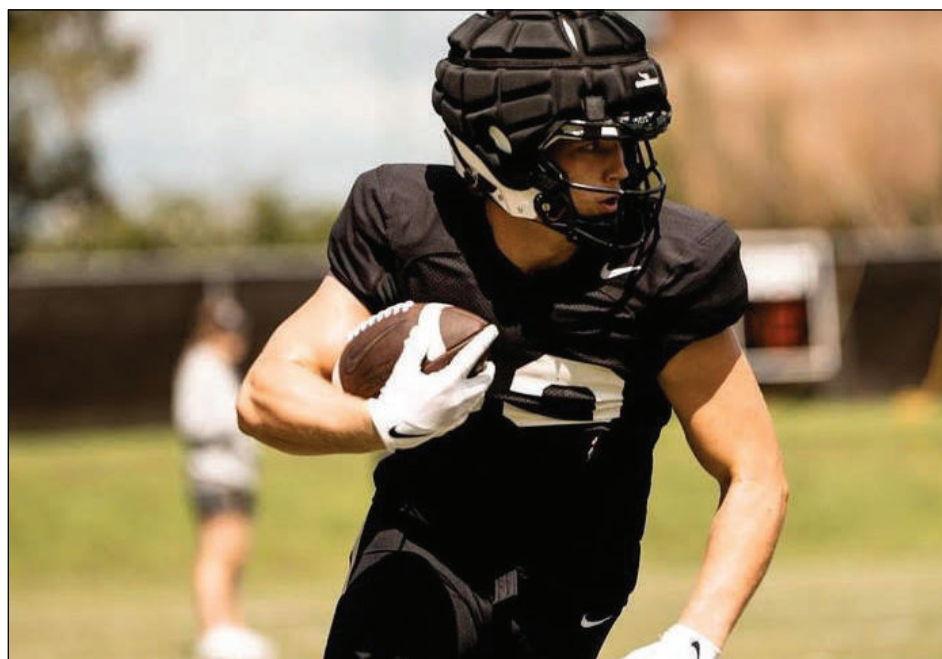
Despite the active construction, Vandy has continued to play home games, and, as a season ticket holder, I can say that the overall game experience has not changed much. Although there are fewer concessions and no possibility to move from one side of the stadium to the other, the rest of the football experience remains

nearly the same. Fans can still walk through all the tailgates happening in Vandyville before the game and see some SEC football.

In addition to the renovations taking place at First Bank stadium, Vandy United plans to add new facilities for the men's and women's basketball teams. There will be two new practice gyms, weight rooms, and locker rooms for the student-athletes to use.

Vanderbilt's McGugin Center, which houses all of the services for the university's student-athletes, will also see an upgrade. Vandy plans to add a sports science lab, hydrotherapy and recovery areas, and nutrition stations around the facility to give their student-athletes all the support they need off the field or basketball court.

Additionally, increases in the number of tennis courts, a new Home Run Deck at Hawkins Field, and renovations to the clubhouse at Vanderbilt Legends Golf Course round out the biggest athletic renovation project in school history. While construction has already begun on the football field and basketball facilities, it will be years before all of the work to improve the campus is set to be finished.



Gabe Fisher ('22) runs the ball on Vandy's soon-to-be-renovated practice fields.
PHOTO: Gabe Fisher

MBA Hockey Continues Win Streak, Beats Father Ryan



MBA Hockey celebrates a goal during their 8-3 rout of Father Ryan.
PHOTO: Emily Lucas

By Aiden Becker
News Editor

Last Friday night, MBA Hockey faced Father Ryan in its rivalry game for the regular season. The team remained undefeated up to this point, and hoped to use Ryan's recent loss to Brentwood to their advantage. The Big Red held Father Ryan in a chokehold the entire game while also putting on a

show for the student section that came out to support the boys.

The team arrived an hour early to the rink to warm up and begin its ritual. Even though they were quieter than usual, they only had one thing in mind: to get the win and keep Father Ryan further from us in the standings. The extra pressure was on from the expected crowd, but they took it as fuel to play their best hockey.

Backed by an amazing performance

in the crease from Hunter Wieck, the team started off and finished strong to secure the win. It was pedal to the metal all night, and Ryan simply couldn't last long enough. Captain Lee Guy had a hat trick, and Ethan Sides recorded two goals on the sheet. Andrew Frech and Abe Lasher both recorded their first goals for their MBA Hockey careers, and eight players recorded points.

The atmosphere from the student

section was exhilarating and constantly kept the team fired up. We would love to continue seeing the support from our community as we enter the second half of the season and playoffs. Please invite your friends and come out to support the team as we face Ravenwood on Monday, October 30 at Bellevue.

White Sox Eyeing Nashville Relocation?

By Zach Riven
Staff Writer

The traffic in Nashville is already an issue, but in a few years, could it be even worse?

One of the many causes for this traffic issue is Nashville being home to three professional sports teams, and one minor league baseball team. But, why stop at the minor leagues? According to *Sports Illustrated*, Nashville has been named one of the possible spots for a potential Chicago White Sox relocation.

After playing in Chicago since the year 1900, the organization will have big decisions to make when their lease runs out in six years. If the organization cannot make things work with the city in regards to the place that they are currently located, choices include building a new place to play in either in the city or in the suburbs of Chicago or moving cities altogether.

While more unlikely than likely, Nashville is not an unreasonable possibility. Not only is Chicago dominated by Cubs fans, but the organization could use a fresh start. The White Sox has only won three

World Series over their roughly 120-year existence, and it's been almost two decades since their last one.

But Nashville is one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S. right now. As people move to it by the thousands, houses get more expensive. This means the White Sox would not have to worry about low profits, low ticket sales, and more importantly, fans.

Nashville is home to many people who would love to call a new baseball team their own. After the

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establishment of the Nashville Soccer Club (NSC), the city has proven that it can come to love a new team in town with ease in addition to other established teams. As proven by some of the latest NSC games, the White Sox certainly would not have to worry about attendance.



White Sox pitcher Lane Ramsey.
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Additionally, if this move by the White Sox were to happen, would a name change be at stake? While just replacing Chicago with Tennessee or Nashville would be an easy switch, could we see a new name altogether for the team? Just things to think about.

If this were to happen, the city itself would grow even bigger. Bringing a new team would bring

in baseball fans from other cities as well as their business for hotels and restaurants. Also with another team, there would be even more entertainment in town, which is never a bad thing.

Overall, if the Chicago White Sox decide to relocate to Nashville, in many ways, the city would be perfect for it.

NSC Struggles Following Leagues Cup Performance

By Isaac Roark
Staff Writer

Since the dramatic highs of the Leagues Cup and Lionel Messi, Nashville's newest sports franchise has struggled going into the MLS playoffs. Out of nine games since the cup final, Nashville has won only two, while tying five and losing two. To their credit, they managed to eke out a 0-0 draw in the rematch against Inter Miami, with Miami's manager giving high praise to Nashville's defense. Unfortunately, Nashville will not face Miami again this year, since they failed to qualify for the playoffs.

As it turns out, Nashville's defense

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has not been the problem. Nashville has allowed only five goals in its last eight matches, and the team boasts league's best defense, having conceded the least number of goals in the MLS during the 2023 season. One might expect a team with the best backline to be somewhere near the top, but despite this, Nashville sits in seventh place going into the

final game of the season. Nashville's problems lie in its offense.

Since the Leagues Cup final, Nashville Soccer Club has scored only eight goals in nine matches. But six of those eight goals have come in only two matches. Hany Mukhtar, Nashville's MVP, has struggled to carry the offense like he did in the first half of the season. Sam Surridge, the shiny new striker, has, much like the rest of the team, played well but failed to score goals in key matches. Because of this lack of scoring, the Boys in Gold have not been able to turn ties into wins, and the offense has not been able to produce when called upon.

Gary Smith, NSC's manager, has tactics that usually revolve around sitting back in defense and waiting for a breakaway for Mukhtar and wingers like speedster Jacob Shaffelburg or Fafa Picault. However, opponents have learned how to counteract these breakaways, and so Nashville's offense struggles to create, forcing even more of the burden on Mukhtar.

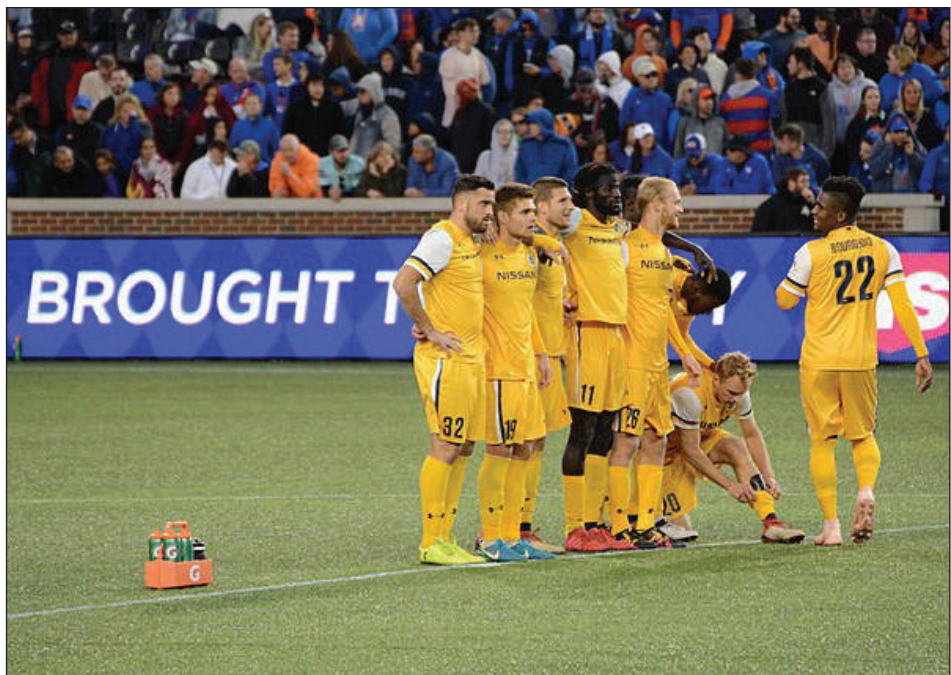
In its second-to-last match of the season, Nashville received a glimmer of hope against the New England Revolution, during which Nashville kept up a sustained attack and scored three goals in the first half, including two from Sam Surridge. However, New England cast the game into doubt when they scored two goals in

the second half and forced Nashville into defense. With the score at 3-2, the teams traded chances, with Hany Mukhtar almost scoring a few times.

In the end, Nashville's defense came through and the game finished with that score. Going into the final day of the regular season, Nashville sit comfortably in the playoffs in seventh with the possibility to move up to fifth. They will navigate a new playoff format, where the first round will be a best of three series, guaranteeing Nashville at least one home game. However, this will likely be the last

home game of the year, since the team has such a low seed.

Nashville will face a formidable Eastern Conference foe, likely Orlando or Philadelphia, both of whom Nashville has struggled against. So, can Nashville reclaim the Messi magic and win Nashville's first ever title in any sport, or will the recent poor run of results carry on into the playoffs? That is the prevailing question for NSC. Hopefully, Nashville's passionate fans can cheer on the Boys in Gold to victory.



NSC lines up for penalty kicks in their journey to the Leagues Cup Final.
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Surveying Big Red Career Goals

By Luke Keller
Analytics Editor

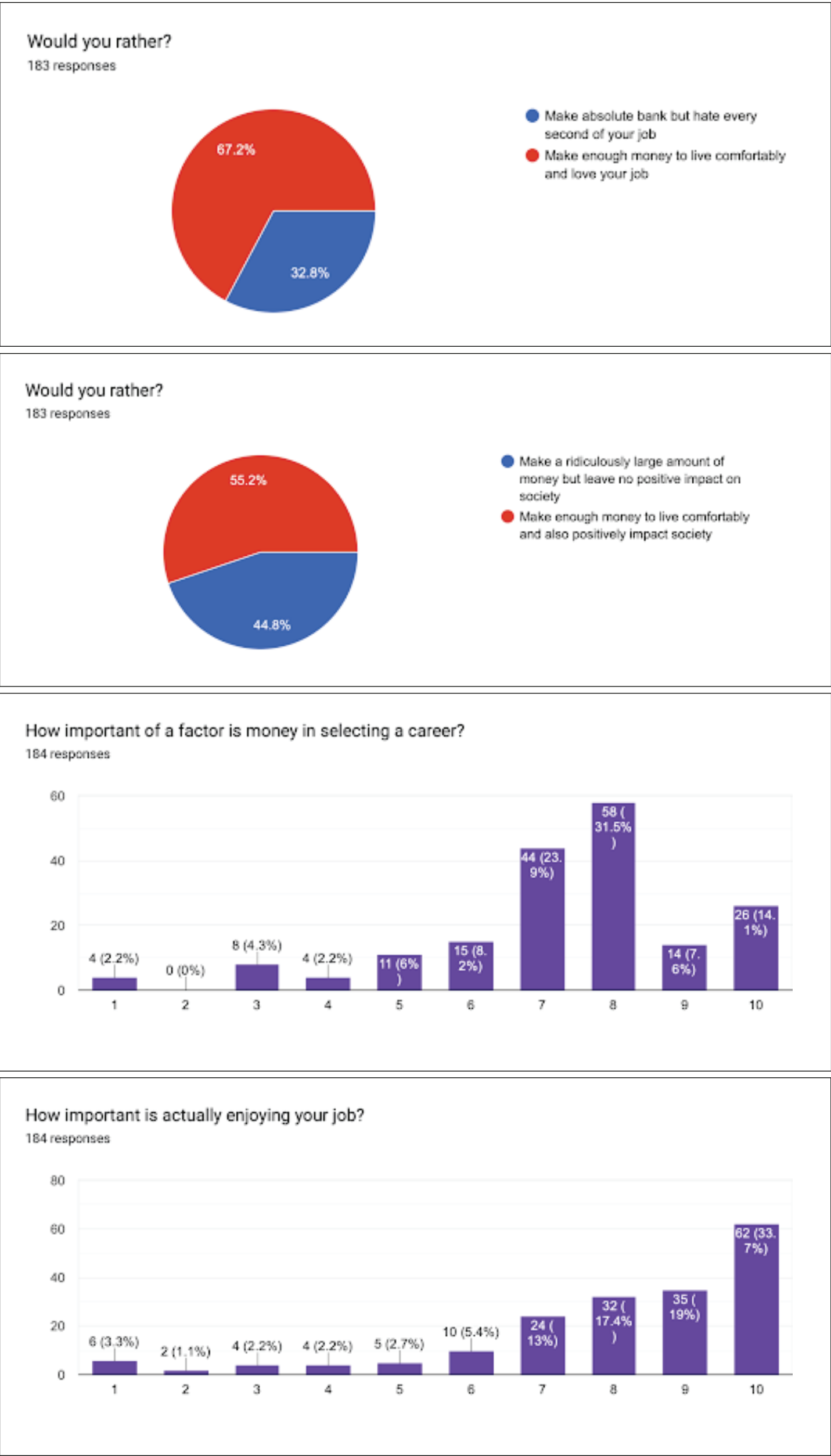
“What do you want to be when you grow up?”—a question that we all have heard a hundred times, and a question whose answer for each of us has changed almost that many times. It feels like in today’s world the age that kids are expected to “have it all figured out” just keeps creeping lower and lower. The reality is that students are asked to have already solved the puzzle that is their future by the time they are eighteen. Today in the college admissions process, it’s commonplace to have students write essays on their career plans. Kids are being relentlessly bombarded by the indomitable pressure of perfectly deciphering the blurry cloud of their future. Is it even realistic or, more importantly, moral to expect a high schooler to know exactly how he wants to spend the rest of their life? To expect young students to be able to articulate properly what will give their life purpose?

Because the obviously correct answer is *absolutely*, we went ahead and polled the high school on their career goals and the motivations behind them. Students reported their thoughts on the relative importance of money, enjoyment, and societal impact in a potential career, as well as their current career goals and childhood dream job.

Beginning with earnings, over 75% of students rated money as a 7/10 or higher in terms of importance as a factor in career selection. These results come as no surprise. While they are on the high end, these data are not some kind of reflection that MBA students are heartless and avaricious (we’ll get to those later); instead, they just reflect the world we live in. Money is important; there is no way around it.

Apparently, actually enjoying what you do for work is also extremely important to MBA students. The data was overwhelmingly in support of this assertion, with over 80% of students rating enjoyment as a 7/10 or higher in importance. I’m glad to see that the vast majority of students are in fact human. Who knows, but to me, spending the majority of your time doing something you don’t like doesn’t seem like a super great time. I’m happy to be in agreement with most of my peers and mildly alarmed for the six students who valued enjoyment at a 1/10.

The data on the importance of societal impact delivered diverse results. I probably should have specified that I was referring to positive societal impact, but I bet most people (minus six or so) were on the same page as I.



DEBATE, from Page 1

School of Texas. At the St. Mark’s tournament, Maxwell and Turner went undefeated in prelims, again, and won the whole tournament, defeating a talented team from the Liberal Arts and Sciences Academy out of Texas in the final round. Where the MBA debate team made history, however,

was its preliminary performance. The team had the first three seeds, the football equivalent of having three of your players nominated for the Heisman Trophy and finishing first, second, and third. Maxwell and Turner maintained their streak of being the number one seed, and the teams of

Leverett and Majhail and Howard and Geevarghese claimed the second and third seed spots, respectively. Claiming the top three seeds along with both the top four speaker awards and the tournament title itself was unheard of in the national debate community. The Heart of Texas is

one of the most prestigious regular-season tournaments of the year and achieving that level of success is unprecedented. The team is incredibly proud of our debaters’ performances at the tournament and looks forward to a similarly record-breaking season.

ISRAEL-HAMAS, from Page 2

Major powers attempted to de-escalate the conflict a number of times but each time proved unsuccessful. In the summer of 2014, small-scale clashes led to Hamas firing rockets at Israel, who retaliated immediately with a similar response to the one we are seeing today. The casualties of this conflict outnumbered many of the past disputes between the two.

Following protests at the border surrounding the Gaza Strip, disputes arose in 2018 that collapsed the unity government Hamas had made with Fatah in 2014. Fatah maintained control over the West Bank, but Hamas now had complete control over the Gaza Strip.

Since those disputes, many international actors have tried to find a

solution, but many people have made matters only worse.

October’s conflict erupted after Israel raided a refugee camp in the West Bank, which caused immense backlash within Hamas-controlled Gaza. The conflict has inflamed tensions across the entire Middle Eastern region, with Israel now acting more aggressively toward Iran, and Saudi Arabia refusing to normalize relations with Israel.

Editor’s Note: Look out for an article in the forthcoming issue featuring an interview with a member of the Israeli Defense Forces and a 2016 graduate of MBA.

AP, from Page 8

For the AP exam in May, students are required to complete a 1200- to 1500-word written argument, in addition to taking the exam. The writing project prior to the exam offers students the opportunity to research a topic within the boundaries of African-American Studies that they find interesting. The exam itself has a similar structure to the AP Government exams, with 60 multiple-

choice questions and 4 free-response questions.

Taking the course has been as an eye-opening experience; it has introduced me to a plethora of new historical concepts and facts I would have never encountered otherwise. I would encourage any prospective students to strongly consider taking such a novel and engaging course!

ANALYTICS, from Page 17

The results were relatively evenly distributed with ~30% of students ranking societal impact as a 4/10 or lower, ~25% between 5/10 and 6/10, and ~40% at 7/10 and up. Clearly, this was the area within the survey where students differed the most in opinion.

By using the student rankings of these three factors as context, we have a slightly more nuanced perspective on the motivations behind the most popular desired student career paths. Based on the survey results, the most desired potential fields of work were business (33%), medicine (16%), technology (10%), law (9%), and teaching (4%). The majority of childhood dream jobs contrasted with these current career goals. Expectedly, the most common dream job was being a professional athlete of some kind. Most

importantly, the “other” option made a triumphant and utterly necessary return, leaving many highlights. My favorite of which was from a student who entered “working for Raleigh Maxwell” as their dream job. (I promise this is not Bell Ringer propaganda.) As someone who is kind of in that position right now while writing this article, I would say it’s pretty good. I wouldn’t say dream worthy, but you do you.

The survey ended with some light-hearted and absurdly not binary “would you rather” questions. While they served as a diverting conclusion, the questions also sparked some revealing conversations among friends. Would you rather have infinite money or make a difference in society? Martin Greer knows his answer. Do you know yours?

THEATRE, from Page 2

I have never pictured actors would be picked up or thrown around, innuendos would be suggested, drugging, or somewhat creepy love (reminder that Juliet was thirteen)—would at all be present in Shakespeare, but I was faithfully reminded that the common medieval person had to enjoy the show somehow.

The show will be performed outside, and this adds the final twist

to the already admirable work of Mrs. Bromfield in directing this show—remember to ask your English teacher if you can get extra credit for attending this masterpiece. Join us on a beautiful late-fall night, spend less than an hour and a half of your time at no cost, and enjoy a remarkable, hysterical performance of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*.

EATS, from Page 8

When asked why he chose to go into the restaurant business, he stated that he did so because “that’s all I know how to do.” He wanted to offer authentic Thai cuisine in a city certainly lacking in that area. He also decided to add Sushi to the menu as he believed that Sushi was comfortable to people and that if people didn’t want Thai food, they could always have another option; plus, sushi is a popular cuisine. Opening a restaurant also comes with its challenges. He says that even to this day he struggles with the long hours, long days, large amounts of work, and constant employee problems.

Despite all the different spices, vegetables, and meats and all the hardships, Bobbi says that the most important ingredient is simply care. He said that you have to care and put love into your food in order to be successful. With the constant grind of the everyday tasks and pressures, the love for the business always prevails for him. This love translates into his

employees, all of whom must learn the salient aspects of the business. It especially must translate to the chefs, whom Bobbi must teach how to instill the food with love, how to properly handle a wok, and how to cook to his standards. This care even allowed him to have some of his best years in the business happen during the Covid-19 pandemic. With the reduced hours and only online ordering, the pandemic facilitated the food making and distribution process, but the best part for him was the people’s kindness.

Eventually, life becomes bigger than just the restaurant. With his two children, both of whom are nearly 40, and his grandchildren, his focus began to shift from solely the restaurant to family. To him, the most important things in life are to do what you love to do and to be a good person; both of which are principles he instilled in his children and he embodies every day doing what he loves in the restaurant.

REMEMBRANCE, from Page 12

See more reflections from MBA Faculty (and a funny picture of Mr. Reynolds) here:

Read Mrs. Christeson’s essay “Thirty-Three Rules for Teachers” here:



Freshmen Scrape By Quarter One

By **Buck Brown**
Staff Writer

What has happened since that last issue? Nearly nothing. Somehow, I am pressed to write news on what's happened since two months ago—basically the 1st quarter and some Homecoming.

Sigh

Homecoming, certainly, was a good time. It was suggested by many other high schoolers, that this year

was much better than years past (did they really forget the speakers last year?). You expect to wake up the next day with bruises if you've partaken in the mosh-pit toward the front of the room or hate from your friends if you didn't. I've been told, it was a good one for freshmen.

The first quarter, however, was not. Many I know barely squeezed onto PL or tilted over the edge into the void. However, I wouldn't suggest that this is entirely because of the increase of

workload, but instead of the sheer amount of other "stuff" that we must or can do outside of mandatory classes. The football season has been an absolute blast. An unbelievable recovery from the beginning of this season sends a wave of excitement through the student section (which, for the first time, freshmen have access to!) and a newfound energy for the games that was not present in the earlier bouts. The defeat of Father Ryan was unexpected and

phenomenal, and the defeat of Lipscomb was insane. We also won our Homecoming game, which is a nice feeling for the school. An odd season, but fun nonetheless.

What does the second quarter hold? Exams, cold weather, wrestling season, and holidays. That's about it. Beyond this, I wish everyone the best of luck recovering from the first quarter and enjoying the little bit of nice weather while we have it.

Sophomores Visit Dollywood, Excel in Athletics

By **Russell Howard**
Staff Writer

The sophomore class enthusiastically kicked off another quarter of this school year. Nothing makes everyone want to leave a nice, relaxing fall break like the prospect of lunch wiper-down or starting the research paper. Nevertheless, with one fourth of APUSH and Chemistry finished, the tenth grade is optimistic for what's to come. Beyond being inundated with work, most people have spent their time discussing the intricacies of fantasy football rather

than US history. Sorry, Dr. Hardin.

Most notable in the past weeks was the sophomore class trip to Dollywood. Nearly half the class of 2026 loaded up in buses with our Harpeth Hall contemporaries to drive three and a half hours to the theme park. Some students complain about the park's long wait times, sometimes reaching over an hour. Honestly, who can blame them? The mere proposition of having to wait more than ten seconds and talk to girls is enough to send most sophomores packing. Notorious roller coaster line-skipper and sophomore class treasurer Jack

Rogers agrees, "The park basically left me no choice. I wasn't about to wait for 45 minutes with Nikhil Misra, so I had to buy the fast pass!" Jack did not enter a single ride, but that didn't deter him. At least now he wouldn't have to wait in any lines either. For those of us who didn't forgo the line, however, the waiting experience was arduous. Most of the rides compensated, with the exception of the Thunderhead, with its only purpose being to give you a heart attack.

In the sports world, the sophomores are nothing short of extraordinary. The class of 2026 may be, according

to Big Red fans, the best in MBA history. Anthropologists concur, this sophomore class is unmatched, also excelling in hockey, debate, cross country, and music. Luckily, thanks to our tyrannically fearless president Ike Stroud, the sophomore class has also accrued the second most service hours in the school. With over fifteen times that of the freshmen, we finally have enough that even vice president Porter Ragle can be proud.

Juniors Experience Nightmares

By **Aiden Becker and John Howard**
News Editor and Staff Writer

If we thought the beginning of the year was hard... we didn't know what was coming for us. The stress of Junior Year is starting to settle in, and too many are still struggling to stay afloat, but we continue to adapt. One thing that has made sure Junior's wallets don't stay afloat is the recently doubled cookie prices. Cookies, which once seemed to stand the test of time by never getting hurt by inflation, have now been adjusted to be two dollars a stack instead of one dollar.

Additionally, Juniors have

struggled with many subjects such as the rising difficulty of Physics. At first, the class seemed not too bad with just having to do vectors and 1-D Kinematics, but very quickly the class has ramped up with energy equations and forces, which are a lot more difficult than the beginning of the year, making us all miss the easier units.

Athletically, we have been excelling on and off the campus. Varsity Football has pulled three big wins recently, the "Boys in the Boats over on the Cumberland River" are competing in class day races with an almost guaranteed junior victory, and

Cross Country continues to impress and break personal records with their eyes set on a state title. Varsity Hockey remains undefeated at the time of this writing with seven juniors on the varsity squad. Golf also just rounded out a fantastic season, placing third in the state.

On the Hill, we have found ourselves assuming more leadership roles with clubs and other activities. Nearly all the juniors in the Chamber Choir last year are now part of H.O.S.S., and many are beginning to lead their own clubs. Recently, Eli Stark helped set up a mini-Oktoberfest behind the football stadium, handing

out sausages with sauce. Joaquin Echegaray and his Baseball Club hosted the first-ever home run derby competition, in which many juniors found themselves in the final.

The Juniors had a great Homecoming this year, with some participating in the mosh pit and others watching the Ole Miss Game by DJ booth. The music was loud; the crowd was vibing; and it was an overall great time.

The junior class has an aptitude for adapting, and with the right mindset, we can make this school year the most rewarding yet.

Seniors Reflect on their Past, Present, and Future Battles

By **Frank Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Class of 2024 has been through a lot in these first few months. After taking ACTs and fighting through theme days, all while having to apply to colleges, to say it's been a battle would be an understatement. We can barely stay awake at our desks, running on four or five hours of sleep. However, this suffering will hopefully soon be over.

The November 1st deadline for college applications is coming up, and it's looking like the next one-and-a-half weeks are going to be miserable. Undoubtedly, this journey is going to look different for everyone. Some seniors, like myself, are going to be tortured by applying to 12 schools and are hanging on by a thread, while others, like Walker Musser, have already applied and gotten into Alabama.

In other news, our sports have been

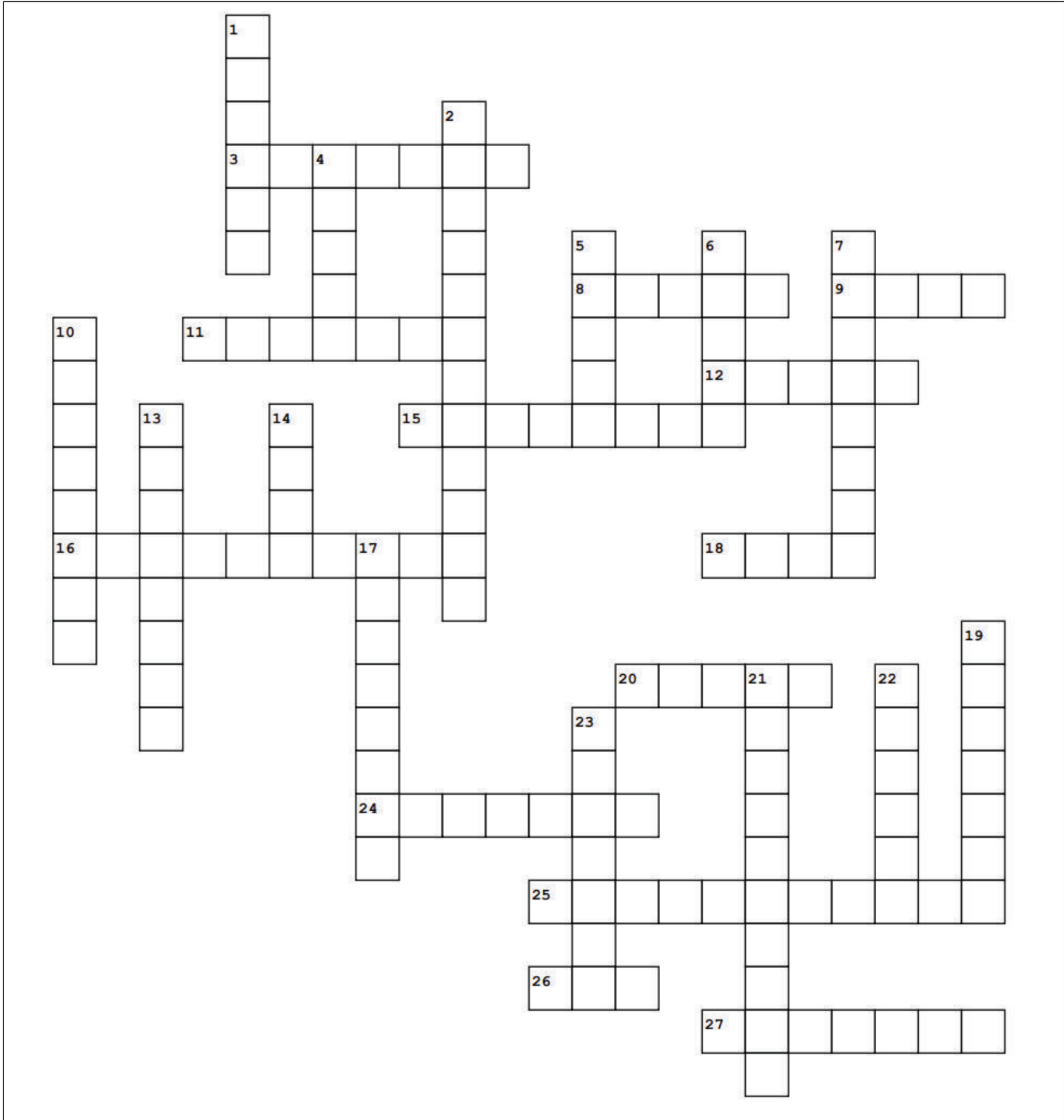
on a roll. The football team was able to hold up our streak against Ryan and show the Irish that, once again, this was not their year. In golf, seniors Will Jackson, Tyler Bartell, and Marty Greer led the Big Red to a third-place finish in the state tournament.

As the seniors prepare to submit their final essays to colleges around the country, it's important for us to realize that we've been through and will go through a lot of lasts. We've experienced our final homecoming,

our final fall break, and soon to be our final home football game. We have to take advantage of our last year on the Hill as much as we can. With all the mushy stuff aside, these final days of college apps are going to be some of the most difficult weeks in our high school careers. Let's just hope we can make it out the other end alive.

October Crossword

By George Ma
Crossword Pundit



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3. Newest item in the dress code

8. Dubbed by the state of Tennessee as the official birthplace of bluegrass music

9. Most common boy name in 2023; also valiantly saved two kickoff return touchdowns

11. Most followed person on Instagram

12. World Champion Jiu-Jitsu fighter who was beaten up by Logan Paul

15. Nashville Native Country music artist whose name is worth a dime

16. Celebration coined by DJ Khaled in which one flaunts their very expensive timepiece
18. Second straight winner of the thrilling WNBA finals

20. First person seen after Travis Kelce scores

24. Sponsor of the F1 event on Lower Broadway

25. Oldest registered distillery in the US in Lynchburg, TN

26. MBA's new social awareness program

27. The 6th largest college football stadium by capacity, home to the Vols
- Down**

1. American who conceded a putt in the Ryder Cup

2. Radio show centered in Nashville whose original name was "WSM Barn Dance"

4. Rams 5th round Rookie WR tearing up the NFL

5. Released a new album titled after his canines

6. Uni. currently undergoing a \$300 million renovation project to its athletic facilities

7. America's predominant pumpkin producer

10. First ever Speaker of the House to be voted out
13. New PSAT test-taking software

14. Blazer turned Buck in a recent blockbuster trade

17. New 2023 inductee of the Tennessee Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame

19. Former Tennis star who shared a powerful anti-drunk driving message

21. Owned by YouTube's biggest star and newest jersey sponsor for the Charlotte Hornets

22. Newest title in the Assassin's Creed Franchise

23. Company earning most revenue in 2023